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We need to include at the very beginning what the commanders intent is.

I think that we may also want to include the fact that we are monitoring the travels of a group that will be participating who left the west coast on Monday, as well as others who will be joining that group in Ottawa later this week.

Other than that I think it looks good.

Steve

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## Notes for A/DC Trish Ferguson for Weekend Demonstration update

I would like to thank the members of the Board, the media, and City Councillors for being here today for this briefing.

We know that there is a lot of interest in the community about this upcoming demonstration, and we plan on keeping everyone updated and informed throughout the weekend.

The Ottawa Police Service has invested a lot of time and resources in preparing for this event.

We have built a comprehensive, joint strategy that is designed to manage this demonstration and respond to events as they occur.

I want to take a moment to thank our planning team, which is made up of veteran officers with decades of experience managing demonstrations.

The Ottawa Police Service is the lead agency for this event with overall incident command.

Our priority is to maintain the safety of members of our community and participants in the demonstration.

## Current Information

At this time, the exact number of participants is not known. However, all open source information and our interactions with organizers indicate that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period (January 28 to 30). Our operational planning reflects this assessment and is being designed to adapt to multiple scenarios.

We are working with the RCMP and the Parliamentary Protective Service and have stood up the National Capital Regional Command Centre.

We are also working with our City of Ottawa and policing partners to help manage what we anticipate to be significant traffic disruptions and delays in Ottawa throughout this coming weekend. A staffing plan has been developed to minimize the impact on police calls for service across Ottawa unrelated to the convoy.

As with any large demonstration, we are planning for a range of associated risks including counter demonstrations, demonstrators breaking off from the main group, the blocking of intersections, etc.

Residents can expect to see a large police and emergency services presence in the downtown core and on major highways and roads throughout this event.

Our planning team has been in contact with the demonstration's organizers

All communication with those organizers has been productive and they have been very cooperative.

We have arranged to have police liaison officers at the site of the demonstration, who will be participant's first point of contact.

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The Ottawa Police Service, and its partners, manage public safety-related issues at hundreds of demonstrations every year.

We work with organizers to preserve the peace and minimize impacts for residents and businesses while protecting the right to demonstrate.

We have developed a joint communications strategy with our partners and the city of Ottawa and will be keeping the public, the Board and City council updated throughout this event.

As I said, This is likely to be a very significant event in Ottawa's downtown core and on local roads and highways.

We encourage residents to be aware of traffic updates from the City of Ottawa and avoid travel if possible and to expect significant delays.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.